

Notice !

The proposed 7-15-98 Reference Section meeting, posted in the April 1998 edition of Point of Reference, has been changed to Wednesday, July 1, 1998. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM and run to about 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 AM. It will be held at the Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township (1 Miller Road; Morristown, NJ 07960). Please call for directions (if necessary) at 973-538-6162.

To serve you better...

As the new president of the Reference Section, I plan to find ways to make the Reference Section more meaningful to your professional interests. Part of that includes keeping Point of Reference open to submissions from anyone who has reference-oriented issues they want to share with the membership of NJLA. Another includes keeping the meetings of the Reference Section as open as possible; if you can attend next week's meeting in Morristown, I welcome you. Just contact me so I know you are coming, and so I can prepare extra coffee and snacks for you ! If you can't attend, and you just want to share your thoughts, please call me at work (973-538-6162) or send me a quick message by fax (973-267-4064), email (brunskill@main.morris.org) or by "snail mail" care of the Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township; 1 Miller Road; Morristown, NJ 07960. Thank you.

The NJ Department of Transportation

[<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation>]

The home page for the New Jersey Department of Transportation has a wide variety of information available: NJ Transit material, neighboring state's public transit home pages, and many other unique links on state statistics and "straight line maps" too.

NJ Transit [<http://www.njtransit.state.nj.us/mainterm.htm>]

Under the heading "Bus & Train Schedules," NJ Transit can be found, along with links to other interstate services of Metro-North Railroad, PATH, PATCO, SEPTA, including Amtrak schedules. Schedules and route information is included, and under the "General Information" link, there is some statistical information about the system. Did you know that NJ Transit "covers a service area of 5,325 square miles... [and] ...is the nation's third largest provider of bus, rail and light rail transit ... " ? All this data (and more too) can be found here !

The Bus System of NJ Transit

[<http://www.njtransit.state.nj.us/mainbus.htm>]

Although official NJ Transit Bus System Time Tables are NOT yet available on this site, you can always call 1-800-772-2222 for bus schedule information from New Jersey Transit. The "Bus Routes in Your Area" link can refer you to the bus lines that pass major hospitals and shopping centers throughout New Jersey, and the "Main Bus Terminal Locations" can refer you to 28 statewide main bus stations where NJ Transit buses stop. There is even a link that will tell you how to hail the bus; the same link leads you to boarding procedures for trains and the Newark City Subway [<http://www.njtransit.state.nj.us/mainsub.htm>]

Park and Ride Lots

[<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/parkride.htm>]

Connecting Services between NJ Transit
And Other Transport Services around New Jersey
[<http://www.njtransit.state.nj.us/connect.htm>]

Airport Services

[<http://www.njtransit.state.nj.us/airport.htm>]

Ferry Service

[<http://www.njtransit.state.nj.us/njtferry.htm>]

There is a map at this link indicating the availability of connecting service from several points in New Jersey to midtown Manhattan. Many local and long distance NJ TRANSIT bus and rail lines serve these New Jersey ferry terminals. For more information regarding ferry service please call (1-800-53FERRY); the organization providing the ferry service is not affiliated with NJ Transit.

Departmental phone numbers

There is a link for departmental phone numbers that includes toll free listing for departmental services like: MVS General Information (in state only) (1-888-486-3339), Adopt A Highway (1-800-2AD-OPT1), Litter Control Hotline (1-800-524-7455), Pothole Complaint Line (1-800-POT-HOLE), and the Van and Car Pool Information (1-800-245-POOL) along with many others. In addition to the toll free numbers, there is a directory of phone listings in the main Trenton office, and a short list of NJ-DOT phone listings in the Newark area.

1997 Straight Line Diagrams

[<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/framed/stright.htm>]

The table of contents lists major roads throughout the state. These files show many sets of data, but the most helpful units were the "milepost" distances along the surveyed roads. These roads include many, but not all, interstates, US highways, state highways and county highways. Intersecting roads, squares, bridges, bodies of water, and other features, are indicated on each road survey, and their distances (in miles) from the starting point of each surveyed road are also included.

This site uses Adobe Acrobat Reader (executable for Windows 95 or Windows 3.11) in order to view the straight line diagrams. The Reader can be downloaded from this web page. Read the information contained in the booklet.pdf file on how to use the Straight Line Diagrams program.

PATCO

Welcome Aboard PATCO . . .

[<http://www.drpa.org/patco/index.html>]

The Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO) is a 14.2 mile rail line operating between Lindenwold, New Jersey and Center City Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Hi-Speedline service began February 15, 1969, and has a total of 13 stations, 9 in New Jersey and 4 in Philadelphia.

The home page includes option named Park Your Car, listing parking places all along the High Speedline, and lists all of the stations and their addresses where you can catch the train. A separate link shows a map of some of these options. The link named Locate Your Closest Station displays the route on a local area map. Othr helpful links include Know the Cost to Ride and Park, Know When the Trains Run (the option for the timetables).

The comprehensive Know Where You Can Go On PATCO link lists other transportation option in both New Jersey and Philadelphia: NJ Transit Atlantic City Bus and Rail Service (800-582-5946) and PHLASH "the purple bus" entertainment centers transit circuit (215-4PHLASH). To reach PATCO, call 215-922-4600 in Pennsylvania and 609-772-6900 in New Jersey.

Additional links at [PATCO - Transit Information and Links](#) include:

SEPTA
[<http://www.septa.com/>] 215- 580-7800
Port of New York and New Jersey
[<http://www.panynj.gov/>]
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
[<http://www.state.nj.us/turnpike/>]
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
[<http://www.paturnpike.com/>]
AccuTraffic
[<http://www.drpa.org/patco/www.accuttraffic.com>]
New Jersey Transit
[<http://www.njtransit.state.nj.us/>]
Amtrak
[<http://www.amtrak.com/>]

Port Authority NY / NJ

There are two good ways to navigate around the Port Authority of New York / New Jersey web site: through their Table of Contents [<http://www.panynj.gov/index.html>] or the graphical "click map" of the areas served [<http://www.panynj.gov/facframe.HTM>].

Port Authority Bus Terminal (NYC) and PATH Trains

There is a link [<http://www.panynj.gov/tbt/pabframe.HTM>] to a directory of the shops and restaurants on the Concourse in Manhattan's Port Authority Bus Terminal. Customer information phone numbers for the bus carriers are also listed here at [<http://www.panynj.gov/tbt/pabframe.HTM>]. A good detailed map of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson [PATH] Trains is located at [<http://www.panynj.gov/path/pathfram.HTM>], along with regulations and prices of the PATH trains.

Copious amounts of data are available at each link for the airports serving the Port Authority area:

John F Kennedy Airport
[<http://www.panynj.gov/aviation/jfkframe.HTM>]
Newark Airport
[<http://www.panynj.gov/aviation/ewrframe.HTM>]
LaGuardia Airport
[<http://www.panynj.gov/aviation/lgaframe.HTM>]

One Last Minute Link...

Just learned about this link recently, and it was just too good to leave out. Try the home page of Nolo Publishing [<http://www.nolo.com>]. They have some links on issues addressing every day legal issues, and also have Shark Talk, an online legal dictionary searchable by term or by subject.

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